

approved 1/24/2011

Franklin County Library Board

Present: Emma LeCroy, Logan Mathis, Rosie Chitwood, Wayne Miller, Cheryl Slater, Rita Shoemaker, Kasie Freeman, Gayle Maxwell, Kathryn Ames, Jack Slaton, Donna Brumby

Visitors: None

Date: 10/11/2010

Cheryl Slater called meeting to order. Ed Bowns resigned from his position on board.

Minutes approved: 1st Jack Slaton; 2nd Logan Mathis; All agree.

Agenda approved: 1st Wayne Miller; 2nd Jack Slaton; All agree

Public Comments: None

Financial Reports from Kathryn Ames

- Ordered 8 computers for Royston and 8 computers for Lavonia
 - o Used some of the Royston account to buy Royston's computers and Friends of the Library will pay for 2 computers

Director Report from Kathryn Ames

- State Development Day is coming up in November
- Banned Books week – Oconee County has 2 challenged right now
- State grants were cut 5.65% this year and about 13% next year
 - o Book budget from 16.5 cents per capita to 10 cents per capita (was 60 cents per capita a couple of years ago; about a 30% reduction)
 - o There are about 20,000 people in Franklin County so we get 10 cents per person
 - o Support from the Friends is very important for buying books
- Donna Brumby reported that she created a new brochure for each library
- Homebound deliveries are being revamped – visits every 6 weeks, there are 3 people in Franklin County who used it in the past; it was suggested that Meals on Wheels could deliver

Local Reports

- Royston
 - o Children's author for homeschool group
 - o Jeff Freeman – National Guardsman will talk to homeschool group
 - o Plans for National Game Day
 - o Book Club doing well
 - o Young adult craft programs doing well
 - o Plan on computer classes
 - o Friends donated \$2,000 for materials
- Lavonia
 - o Friends created a color glossy tri fold brochure for the welcome center and chamber of commerce

- o Genealogy classes – Friends met to plan the classes
- o 100th anniversary (1911-2011) Friends ordered stickers, maybe bookmarks

Old Business

- Royston library building
 - o Breakfast downtown in Atlanta with city for legislatures to ask for support
 - o Ask children of county to write letters to representatives about building new library
 - o Ms. Ames will send new list of Legislatures emails to Board; possibly put in newspaper and ask county to write to them for library support
 - o Varsity Day at the Capital to meet legislatures
 - o Fundraiser: Sell bricks for patio in front of new library
- Lavonia project planned for near future

New Business

- Vacant Regional Board Representative position
 - o Meet once each quarter on the 3rd Thursday of the month, normally in Athens
 - o Current representatives from our Board are Wayne Miller and Teresa Crawford
 - o Cheryl Slater nominated – Jack Slaton, 1st; Rita Shoemaker, 2nd; All Approve
- Carnesville and Board of Commissioners positions are open on the Franklin County Board
 - o Place ads in newspapers
 - o Must have 5 representatives present at each meeting for a quorum
- Funding
 - o Lavonia – will pay \$10,000 per City Manager Gary Festerman
 - o Franklin Springs – will pay \$500 for 2010 fiscal year at 10/21/10 council meeting
 - o Canon – Gayle Maxwell had their payment of \$600 with her at this meeting
 - o Royston and Lavonia libraries are included in new SPLOST for \$45,000 each
 - o Lavonia is holding \$24,000 for possible new air conditioner/heater or for repairs
- Strategic Planning Committee
 - o Ms. Ames requested forming a Strategic Planning Committee
 - We have a 6 year old plan, but need to look at how to keep books on shelves, make improvements at Lavonia, justify number of employees at each location and moving toward opening an additional evening at each location
 - When replace representatives and have full board will set goals and pursue plans
 - Board requested to review a copy of the old plan at our next meeting in January
- Vacant Building Committee Position
 - o Current representatives on this committee are Rosie Chitwood, Rita Shoemaker, Teresa Crawford and Cheryl Slater
 - o Suggested that we leave committee at 4 members; Jack Slaton, 1st; Logan Mathis, 2nd; All Approve
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Adjourn – Jack Slaton, 1st; Gayle Maxwell, 2nd; All Approve

Next meeting: Lavonia library, January 10, 2011 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Kasie Freeman.